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Please delete claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 13, 25 and 30 and replace as follows:

10 1. (Once amended) A livestock pen for transporting livestock by rail, truck or on a container ship with other standardized freight containers, comprising:

15 a. a platform based container open sided, said platform based container open sided lacking rigid side walls and having a base similar to that of a platform container, said platform based container open sided being formed with corner fittings to allow stacking of said rectangular platform based container open sided with other said standardized freight containers, and said platform based container open sided being rectangular in shape; [and]

20 b. a plurality of panels erected on and connected to said platform based container open sided, creating an enclosed area on said rectangular platform based container open sided for containing livestock; and

25 c. an impermeable membrane installed in said enclosed area, said impermeable membrane covering said base and extending up said panels a selected distance for containing waste produced by said livestock.

30 2. (Once amended) A livestock pen for transporting livestock by rail, truck or on a container ship with other standardized freight containers, comprising:

35 a. a platform based container open sided, said platform based container open sided lacking rigid side walls and having a base similar to that of a platform container, said platform based container open sided being formed with corner fittings to allow stacking of said rectangular platform based container open sided with other said

- 1 standardized freight containers, and said platform based container
open sided being rectangular in shape;
- 5 b. at least one panel erected on said platform based container open
sided such that an enclosed area on said platform based container
open sided for containing livestock exists;
- c. an impermeable membrane installed in said enclosed area, said
impermeable membrane covering said base and extending up said
enclosed area a selected distance for containing waste produced by
said livestock.
- 10 3. (Once amended) The livestock pen of claim 1, wherein:
- a. said platform based container open sided comprises:
1. a base having a top and a bottom,
2. a perimeter extending around said top of said base,
15 defined by two side edges and two end edges,
3. said side edges and said end edges meeting at four
corners,
4. said rectangular platform based container open sided
having four posts of equal height, attached to said base, located
20 at said four corners and extending from said top of said base,
5. said posts together with said two side edges and said
two end edges defining four perimeter planar areas extending
perpendicular to said base and from said top of said base at said
perimeter of said base,
- 25 6. at least one of said perimeter planar areas being open to the
air during transit of said rectangular platform based container
open sided; and wherein
- b. at least one of said plurality of panels erected on and connected
to said rectangular platform based container open sided, creating an
30 enclosed area on said rectangular platform based container open sided
for containing livestock, extends across said one of said four perimeter
planar areas open to said air and extending perpendicular to said base.
4. (Once amended) The livestock pen of claim 2, wherein:
- 35 a. said platform based container open sided comprises:
1. a base having a top and a bottom,

- 1 2. a perimeter extending around said top of said base,
 defined by two side edges and two end edges,
 3. said side edges and said end edges meeting at four
 corners,
5 4. said rectangular platform based container open sided
 having four posts of equal height, attached to said base, located
 at said four corners and extending from said top of said base,
 5. said posts together with said two side edges and said
10 two end edges defining four perimeter planar areas extending
 perpendicular to said base and from said top of said base at said
 perimeter of said base,
 6. at least one of said perimeter planar areas being open to
 the air during transit of said rectangular platform based
 container open sided; and wherein
15 b. said at least one panel erected on said rectangular platform
 based container open sided such that an enclosed area on said
 rectangular platform based container open sided for containing
 livestock exists, extends across said one of said four perimeter planar
 areas open to said air and extending perpendicular to said base.
20 13. (Once amended) The livestock pen of claim 1, wherein:
 one of said panels is formed with a flange hook that anchors said
 panel to said rectangular platform based container open sided.
25 25. (Once amended) The livestock pen of claim 2, wherein said panel
 comprises:
 a. a frame having a top and a bottom; and
 b. a flange hook mounted to the bottom of said frame that anchors
 said panel to said rectangular platform based container open sided.
30 30. (Once amended) A method of transporting livestock, comprising:
 a. erecting an enclosure on a platform based container open sided
 with panels, said platform based container open sided lacking rigid side
 walls and having a base similar to that of a platform container, said
35 platform based container open sided being formed with corner fittings
 to allow stacking of said rectangular platform based container open

- 1 sided with other said standardized freight containers, and said platform
based container open sided being rectangular in shape, said enclosure
having an impermeable membrane installed in said enclosure, said
impermeable membrane covering said base and extending up said
5 enclosure a selected distance for containing waste produced by said
livestock;
- b. loading livestock into said enclosure;
- c. loading said platform based container with said livestock onto a
means of transport;
- 10 d. moving said means of transport;
- e. unloading said livestock from said enclosure.
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